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The 2010 Census counted 50.5 million Hispanics in the United States, making up 16.3% of the total population. The nation's Latino population, which was 35.3 million in 2000, grew 43% over the decade. The Hispanic population also accounted for most of the nation's growth—56%—from 2000 to 2010.

Among children ages 17 and younger, there were 17.1 million Latinos in 2010, or 23.1% of this age group, according to an analysis by the Pew Hispanic Center, a project of the Pew Research Center. The number of Latino children grew 39% over the decade. In 2000, there were 12.3 million Hispanic children, who were 17.1% of the population under age 18.

There were 33.3 million Hispanics ages 18 and older in 2010, a 45% increase from 2000. Hispanics made up 14.2% of the adult population in 2010, compared with 11% and 23 million people in 2000.

Racial and ethnic minorities accounted for 91.7% of the nation's growth over the decade; non-Hispanic whites accounted for the remaining 8.3%.

Hispanics, who can be of any race, are the nation's largest minority group. Looking at the major groups of single-race non-Hispanics in 2010, 196.8 million (63.7%) were white; 37.7 million (12.2%) were black; and 14.5 million (4.7%) were Asian. There were 6 million non-Hispanics, or 1.9% of the U.S. population, who checked more than one race.

By race, more than half of Hispanics—53%, or 26.7 million people—identified themselves as white alone, an increase from 2000 when 47.9% did. The next largest group, 36.7% or 18.5

Table 1
U.S. Population, by Race and Ethnicity,
2010 and 2000
(thousands)

	2010	2000
U.S. Population		
Hispanic	50,478	35,306
White	196,818	194,553
Black	37,686	33,948
Asian	14,465	10,123
American Indian and Alaska Native	2,247	2,069
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	482	354
Some other race	604	468
Two or more races	5,966	4,602

Notes: Racial groups include only non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting_Files-PL_94-171 for states

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million Hispanics, identified themselves as “some other race,” a decline from 2000, when 42.2% did. An additional 6%, compared with 6.3% in 2000, checked multiple races.

Although the numerical growth of the Hispanic population since 2000—more than 15 million—surpassed the totals for the previous two decades, the growth rate of 43% was somewhat slower than previous decades. Growth rates topped 50% in the 1980s (53%) and 1990s (58%).

The count of the nation’s Hispanic population was slightly larger than expected. The 2010 Census count of Hispanics was 955,000 people and 1.9% larger than the Census Bureau’s latest population estimate for Hispanics. In some states, especially with small Hispanic populations, the gap was wider.

Geographically, most Hispanics still live in nine states that have large, long-standing Latino communities—Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York and Texas—but the share living in other states has been growing.

In 2010, 76% of Latinos lived in these nine states, compared with 81% in 2000 and 86% in 1990. (In 2000, 50% of Hispanics lived in California and Texas alone. In 2010, that share was 46.5 %.) Despite the pattern of dispersion, however, there are more Latinos living in Los Angeles County (4.7 million) than in any state except California and Texas.

As the accompanying charts show, the states with the largest Hispanic populations include eight with more than a million Hispanics, the largest of which is California, where 14 million Latinos were counted.

The dozen states where Hispanics are the largest share of the population include five where Latinos are more than one-in-four state residents—New Mexico, Texas, California, Arizona and Nevada.

The states with the largest percent growth in their Hispanic populations include nine where the Latino population more than doubled, including a swath in the southeast United States—Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and South Carolina. The Hispanic population also more than doubled in Maryland and South Dakota.

Table 2
States with Largest Hispanic Population Growth, 2000-2010
(%)

STATE	GROWTH, 2000-2010
South Carolina	148
Alabama	145
Tennessee	134
Kentucky	122
Arkansas	114
North Carolina	111
Maryland	106
Mississippi	106
South Dakota	103
Delaware	96
Georgia	96
Virginia	92

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In six states, growth in the Hispanic population accounted for all of those states' population growth; if the Hispanic population had not grown, those states would not have grown. They included Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. In Michigan, the state population declined over the decade but the Hispanic population grew.

Looking at the Latino population by region, the West and South are home to the most Hispanics, while growth has been most rapid in the South and Midwest. In 2010, 20.6 million Hispanics lived in the West, 18.2 million lived in the South, 7 million lived in the Northeast and 4.7 million lived in the Midwest.

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Appendix: Additional Charts and Tables

Table 3

Hispanic Child and Adult Populations, 2010 and 2000

	ALL	CHILDREN	ADULTS
Hispanic Population (thousands)			
2010	50,478	17,132	33,346
2000	35,306	12,342	22,964
Hispanic Population Growth, 2000-2010			
Growth (thousands)	15,172	4,790	10,382
Growth (%)	43.0	38.8	45.2
Hispanic Share of Total (%)			
2010	16.3	23.1	14.2
2000	12.5	17.1	11.0

Notes: Children are those younger than 18; Adults are those 18 years of age or older.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting_Files-PL_94-171 for states

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Table 4

States with Largest Hispanic Populations, 2010

(thousands)

STATE	POPULATION
California	14,014
Texas	9,461
Florida	4,224
New York	3,417
Illinois	2,028
Arizona	1,895
New Jersey	1,555
Colorado	1,039
New Mexico	953
Georgia	854
North Carolina	800
Washington	756

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting_Files-PL_94-171 for states

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Table 5

States with Largest Hispanic Share of Total Population, 2010

(%)

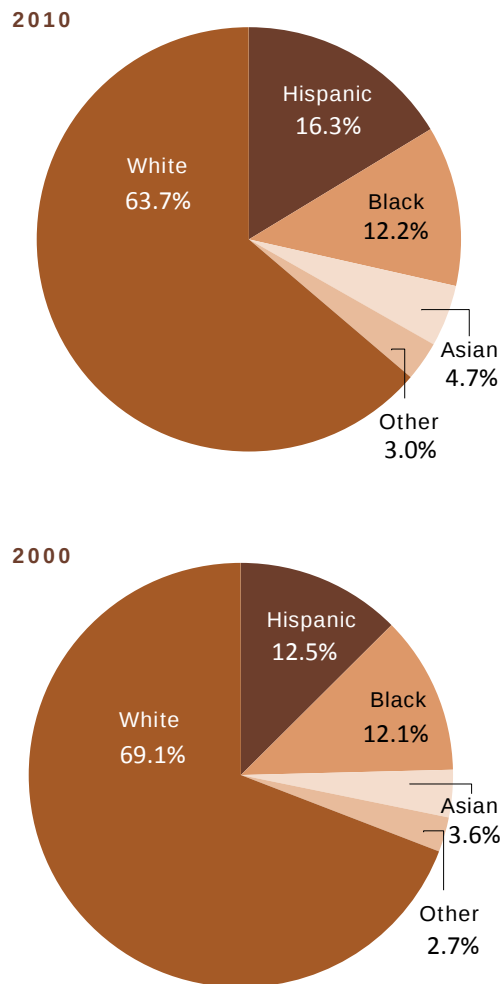
STATE	HISPANIC SHARE
New Mexico	46.3%
Texas	37.6
California	37.6
Arizona	29.6
Nevada	26.5
Florida	22.5
Colorado	20.7
New Jersey	17.7
New York	17.6
Illinois	15.8
Connecticut	13.4
Utah	13.0

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting_Files-PL_94-171 for states

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Figure 1
U.S. Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2010 and 2000

(%)



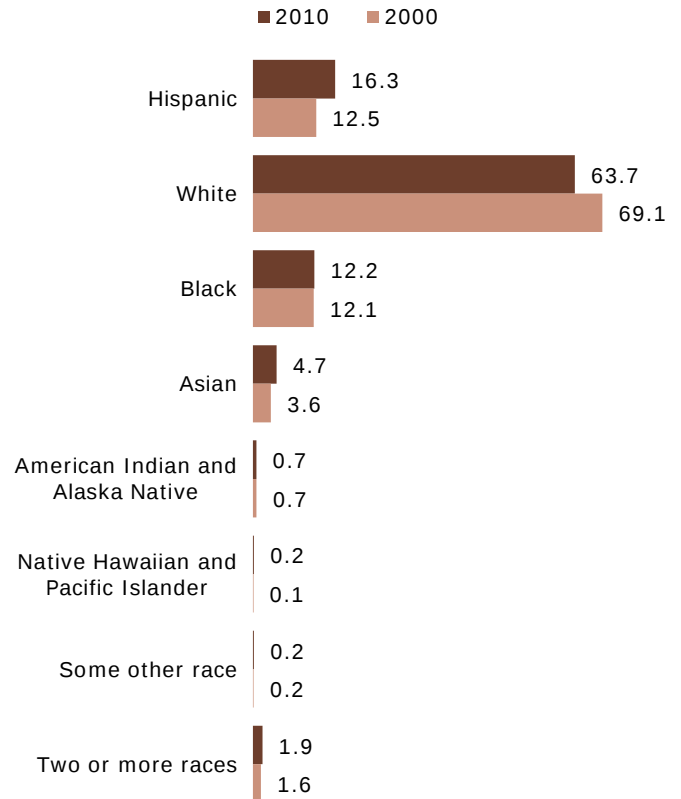
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Figure 2
U.S. Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2010 and 2000

(%)



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Table 6: Hispanic Population by State, 2010 and 2000

	HISPANIC POPULATION (thousands)			HISPANIC SHARE (%)			HISPANIC GROWTH (%)	
	2010	Rank	2000	2010	Rank	2000	2000-2010	Rank
United States	50,478		35,306	16.3		12.5	43	
Alabama	186	33	76	3.9	40	1.7	145	2
Alaska	39	44	26	5.5	33	4.1	52	37
Arizona	1,895	6	1,296	29.6	4	25.3	46	40
Arkansas	186	32	87	6.4	29	3.2	114	5
California	14,014	1	10,967	37.6	3	32.4	28	48
Colorado	1,039	8	736	20.7	7	17.1	41	43
Connecticut	479	17	320	13.4	11	9.4	50	38
Delaware	73	41	37	8.2	26	4.8	96	10
District of Columbia	55	42	45	9.1	20	7.9	22	50
Florida	4,224	3	2,683	22.5	6	16.8	57	36
Georgia	854	10	435	8.8	24	5.3	96	11
Hawaii	121	39	88	8.9	22	7.2	38	45
Idaho	176	34	102	11.2	16	7.9	73	27
Illinois	2,028	5	1,530	15.8	10	12.3	32	47
Indiana	390	21	215	6.0	30	3.5	82	17
Iowa	152	36	82	5.0	35	2.8	84	14
Kansas	300	26	188	10.5	17	7.0	59	33
Kentucky	133	37	60	3.1	43	1.5	122	4
Louisiana	193	31	108	4.2	39	2.4	79	22
Maine	17	49	9	1.3	50	0.7	81	19
Maryland	471	18	228	8.2	27	4.3	106	7
Massachusetts	628	16	429	9.6	18	6.8	46	39
Michigan	436	20	324	4.4	38	3.3	35	46
Minnesota	250	28	143	4.7	36	2.9	75	25
Mississippi	81	40	40	2.7	46	1.4	106	8
Missouri	212	30	119	3.5	41	2.1	79	20
Montana	29	46	18	2.9	44	2.0	58	35
Nebraska	167	35	94	9.2	19	5.5	77	24
Nevada	717	14	394	26.5	5	19.7	82	16
New Hampshire	37	45	20	2.8	45	1.7	79	21
New Jersey	1,555	7	1,117	17.7	8	13.3	39	44
New Mexico	953	9	765	46.3	1	42.1	25	49
New York	3,417	4	2,868	17.6	9	15.1	19	51
North Carolina	800	11	379	8.4	25	4.7	111	6
North Dakota	13	50	8	2.0	48	1.2	73	28
Ohio	355	23	217	3.1	42	1.9	63	32
Oklahoma	332	25	179	8.9	23	5.2	85	13
Oregon	450	19	275	11.7	14	8.0	63	31
Pennsylvania	720	13	394	5.7	32	3.2	83	15
Rhode Island	131	38	91	12.4	13	8.7	44	41
South Carolina	236	29	95	5.1	34	2.4	148	1
South Dakota	22	48	11	2.7	47	1.4	103	9
Tennessee	290	27	124	4.6	37	2.2	134	3
Texas	9,461	2	6,670	37.6	2	32.0	42	42
Utah	358	22	202	13.0	12	9.0	78	23
Vermont	9	51	6	1.5	49	0.9	67	30
Virginia	632	15	330	7.9	28	4.7	92	12
Washington	756	12	442	11.2	15	7.5	71	29
West Virginia	22	47	12	1.2	51	0.7	81	18
Wisconsin	336	24	193	5.9	31	3.6	74	26
Wyoming	50	43	32	8.9	21	6.4	59	34

Note: Growth and share are computed from unrounded data.

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Table 7: Hispanic Child Population by State, 2010 and 2000

	HISPANIC POPULATION (thousands)			HISPANIC SHARE (%)			HISPANIC GROWTH (%)	
	2010	Rank	2000	2010	Rank	2000	2000-2010	Rank
United States	17,132		12,342	23.1		17.1	39	
Alabama	67	34	25	5.9	39	2.2	170	3
Alaska	15	43	10	7.9	34	5.4	44	38
Arizona	704	6	493	43.2	4	36.1	43	39
Arkansas	75	31	32	10.5	29	4.7	134	6
California	4,756	1	4,051	51.2	2	43.8	17	48
Colorado	374	8	259	30.5	6	23.5	45	37
Connecticut	160	19	116	19.6	13	13.7	38	42
Delaware	27	40	14	13.2	24	7.0	100	12
District of Columbia	12	45	11	11.9	26	9.9	5	51
Florida	1,105	3	703	27.6	7	19.3	57	32
Georgia	315	9	136	12.6	25	6.3	131	7
Hawaii	45	39	35	14.9	19	11.9	29	47
Idaho	73	32	43	17.0	15	11.6	70	26
Illinois	723	5	552	23.1	8	17.0	31	46
Indiana	154	20	76	9.6	31	4.8	103	11
Iowa	63	35	33	8.7	33	4.5	93	15
Kansas	122	26	74	16.8	16	10.4	65	31
Kentucky	50	37	19	4.9	43	1.9	165	4
Louisiana	54	36	31	4.9	44	2.5	78	23
Maine	5	49	4	2.0	50	1.2	53	35
Maryland	148	21	72	11.0	28	5.3	106	9
Massachusetts	211	15	158	14.9	20	10.5	34	44
Michigan	172	18	123	7.3	37	4.8	39	40
Minnesota	101	28	56	7.9	35	4.3	82	20
Mississippi	27	41	12	3.5	48	1.6	120	8
Missouri	81	30	43	5.7	40	3.0	89	16
Montana	11	46	7	5.0	41	3.2	52	36
Nebraska	69	33	37	15.1	18	8.3	86	18
Nevada	262	13	146	39.4	5	28.6	79	22
New Hampshire	14	44	8	4.8	45	2.5	77	24
New Jersey	461	7	339	22.3	10	16.2	36	43
New Mexico	302	11	259	58.2	1	50.9	17	49
New York	975	4	893	22.5	9	19.0	9	50
North Carolina	308	10	120	13.5	22	6.1	156	5
North Dakota	5	50	3	3.6	47	2.0	69	29
Ohio	136	24	80	5.0	42	2.8	69	27
Oklahoma	133	25	70	14.3	21	7.9	89	17
Oregon	180	17	108	20.8	11	12.7	67	30
Pennsylvania	260	14	149	9.3	32	5.1	75	25
Rhode Island	46	38	35	20.5	12	14.1	31	45
South Carolina	82	29	28	7.5	36	2.8	192	1
South Dakota	9	47	5	4.5	46	2.2	104	10
Tennessee	108	27	39	7.2	38	2.8	178	2
Texas	3,318	2	2,387	48.3	3	40.5	39	41
Utah	144	22	78	16.5	17	10.9	84	19
Vermont	3	51	2	2.2	49	1.2	57	33
Virginia	205	16	103	11.1	27	5.9	100	13
Washington	299	12	177	18.9	14	11.7	69	28
West Virginia	8	48	4	1.9	51	1.0	93	14
Wisconsin	136	23	75	10.2	30	5.5	81	21
Wyoming	18	42	12	13.4	23	9.0	56	34

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